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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Tetsuo Nishimoto, et al.

Serial No.: 09/864,670

Filing Date: May 24, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONVERTING AND DELIVERING MUSICAL  
CONTENT OVER A COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK OR OTHER INFORMATION  
COMMUNICATION MEDIA

Examiner: Marlon T. Fletcher

Group Art Unit: 2837

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.181 and 1.8(b)**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTION**

On March 19, 2007, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment stating the present application was abandoned. The Notice stated the Applicants had failed to timely pay the issue fee and publication fee within three months of the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. The Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 20, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that they responded to the Notice of Allowance in a timely manner by First Class Mail on January 19, 2007 and that both of these fees were timely paid. Therefore, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

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**BACKGROUND**

The present application was filed on May 24, 2001. The application was duly prosecuted and a Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 20, 2006. Part B (Fee Transmittal) of the Notice of Allowance indicated an issue fee in the amount of \$1,400 and a publication fee of \$300. Applicants timely submitted the Fee Transmittal by first class mail on January 19, 2007 and therein authorized the Patent Office to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. A copy of the transmitted Fee Transmittal is attached as Exhibit A to the accompanying statement of Ms. Melody Y. Green.

On March 19, 2007, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment for failure to pay the issue fee and the publication within three months of the mailing date of Notice of Allowance.

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

As explained above and shown in the accompanying Exhibit A, Applicants timely submitted the Fee Transmittal. The Fee Transmittal set a deadline of February 20, 2007, and Applicants submitted the transmittal on January 19, 2007 via first class mail as indicated by the signed certificate of mailing. Applicants authorized in the Fee Transmittal the payment of the required fees relating to the Notice of Allowance.

The holding of abandonment by the Patent Office is apparently a result of the Patent Office not having evidence of receiving the Fee Transmittal. To that end, Applicants respectfully request that the transmission of the Fee Transmittal on January 19, 2007 be considered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b).

The requirement of § 1.8(b)(1) is met, because Applicants are submitting this petition in a timely manner after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment. When Applicants submitted the Fee Transmittal, there was no reason to believe that the application would be abandoned two months later. Only after the Patent Office indicated that the application had become abandoned did the Applicants realize that the Patent Office may not have evidence of receiving the Fee Transmittal.

The requirement of § 1.8(b)(2) is satisfied in that the accompanying statement of Ms. Green attaches, as Exhibit A, a copy of the submitted Fee Transmittal with the signed certificate of mailing.

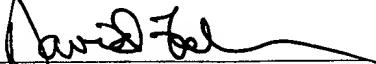
The requirement of § 1.8(b)(3) is met by the accompanying statement of Ms. Green. Ms. Green signed the certificate of mailing on January 19, 2007. She provided the Fee Transmittal with the signed certificate and accompanying return receipt postcard to the mail department of her employment (the law firm of Morrison & Foerster). The department mailed the Fee Transmittal and Postcard on January 19, 2007.

In view of the above showing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Fee Transmittal was submitted in a timely fashion on January 19, 2007. Thus, the application is not in fact abandoned, and Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the holding of abandonment.

It is not believed that any fees are due with this Petition. In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Director to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032025300.

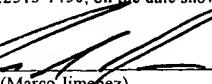
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**STATEMENT ATTESTING TO TIMELY MAILING  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.8 (b)**

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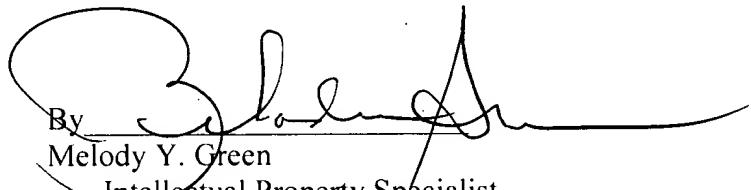
1. I, Melody Y. Green, am an Intellectual Property Specialist at Morrison & Foerster LLP.
2. I am responsible for handling the payment of the issue fee and publication fee of the present application.
3. On November 20, 2006, a Notice of Allowance was mailed. Part B (Fee Transmittal) of the Notice of Allowance indicated an issue fee of \$1400 and a publication fee of \$300. The Fee Transmittal was signed by an attorney of record and authorized payment of any fees. I then

submitted the Fee Transmittal by first class mail to the Patent Office on January 19, 2007 along with a signed certificate of mailing. A copy of the Fee Transmittal and the signed certificate of mailing is attached as Exhibit A.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: March 30, 2007

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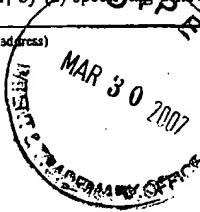
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<b>Melody Y. Green</b>	(Depositor's name)
(Signature)	
<b>January 19, 2007</b>	(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/864,670	05/24/2001	Tetsuo Nishimoto	393032025300	3831

**TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING AND DELIVERING MUSICAL CONTENT OVER A COMMUNICATION NETWORK OR OTHER INFORMATION COMMUNICATION MEDIA**

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$0	\$1700	02/20/2007

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
FLETCHER, MARLON T	2837	084-609000

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1 <b>MORRISON &amp; FOERSTER LLP</b>	
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(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

**YAMAHA CORPORATION**

**Hamamatsu-shi, JAPAN**

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent):  Individual  Corporation or other private group entity  Government

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A check is enclosed.  
 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952 (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
 b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Authorized Signature

Date January 19, 2007

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